Fleet management programme for Air India

921. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a detailed fleet management programme for Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange Government expect to earn due to the perspective plan for the Air India;

(d) whether Government have since approved the programme; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air India has prepared a fleet renewal perspective plan for 20 years and have come to the conclusion that it is possible to have a more younger and modern fleet without additional financial burden. It is a policy paper rather than a substantive fleet plan.

(d) and (e) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Tourism Development Action Plan

922. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a tourism development action plan in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed action plan;

(c) the details of the famous tourist spots in the country which will be provided with extra facilities to earn foreign exchange during the year 1991-92; and

(d) by when the tourism development action plan would be enforced and implemented in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government are in the process of formulating an action plan for development and promotion of tourism in the country. The action plan would be implemented as soon as it is formulated.

New Airlines in the World to start from India

923. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of new airlines in the world which are going to start services through India; and

(b) what are the names of places Air India propose to cover in the world during the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) India has bilateral air arrangements with 63 countries of which designated airlines of only 40 countries are operating their flights at present. So for no airlines of the remaining 23 countries has filed its schedule with Director General of Civil Association for approval.

(b) Operation of air services is dependent on traffic rights commercial viability and availability of aircraft capacity. It is difficult to forecast the operational profile of Air India ten years in future.

Foreign Exchange earning from Tourism

924. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign exchange earning from tourism in the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and